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The Hear of the Higer

Just a few years ago, conservationists widely believed that the future of tigers in the wild was secure. The realization that it was not—that instead tiger numbers were declining precipitously—shook the conservation community and, briefly, became front page news.

The culprits in this decline were not new: continued poaching and trade in tiger parts; loss of habitat with enough prey to support a large carnivore; indifference to the tiger's needs or even animosity toward them where they live in the wild; and ignorance. What we learned is that saving the tiger, or any species, is not a battle to be won once and forever, but a continual process of holding old threats in check and preventing new ones from emerging as conditions change.

Conservation biologists are now attacking these problems with renewed vigor and urgency. New efforts to stop poaching and stem the trade in tiger parts, programs to make tigers valuable to the people who live among them, and improved protection are already helping to break the tiger's fall toward extinction.

Here at the National Zoo, the focus is on education, highlighted by the opening in the spring of 1998 of a new educational exhibit about tigers on Lion/Tiger Hill. In support of this, FONZ will celebrate tigers at its 1998 National ZooFari fundraiser. We will also be writing about tigers in our publications, and, as you can see, we are featuring tigers and their relatives in this 1998 calendar.

Why is education so important? As Zoo Curator of Mammals John Seidensticker says, "An information and education program is a high priority. The public must be a partner in saving the tiger because it is the public who supports the legal framework that protects the tiger and it is the public who foots much of the bill."

Moreover, education is one way in which everyone who cares about tigers can participate. As you learn about tigers this year, by visiting the new exhibit and reading about their plight, spread the word among your family and friends. You can be an ambassador for tigers, and help to save them before it is too late.



Sumatran Tiger (Panthera tigris sumatrae)

-Susan Lumpkin



JANUARY

Qunday	Monday	Tuesday	Mednesday	Thursday	Triday	<i>Olaturday</i>
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4	First Quarter 5	6	7		9	10
11	OFull Moon 12	13	14	15	16	17
18	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday (observed)		21	22	23	24
25	26	27	Ohinese New Year—Year of the Tiger begins		30	31
			Year of the Tiger begins			Photos © Gary Jacob

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FEBRUARY

Taturday	Triday	Thursday	Mednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Tunday
. 7	6	5	4	● First Quarter 3	2	1
14	13	12	OFull Moon 11	10	Groundhog Day	Black History Month begins 8
Valentine's Day	20	Lincoln's Birthday Last Quarter	18	17	16	15
28		New Moon 26	25	24	Presidents' Day 23	22
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MARCH

Qunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Triday	Olaturday
7	2	3	4	● First Quarter 5	6	7
FONZ spring class season begins Women's History Month begins						
8	·	10		12	OFull Moon 13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	■ Last Quarter 21
		St. Patrick's Day			Vernal Equinox— First Day of Spring	Seal Days
22	23	24	25	26	27	New Moon 28
Seal Days 29	30	31		GEICO Direct Auto Insurance. So economical, you can actually afford the car. One 15-minute call could save you 15% or more. 1-800-947-AUTO		APRIL S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

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APRIL

	:			Triday	Olaturday
		1	2	◆ First Quarter 3	4
		April Fool's Day			
6	7	8	9	10	OFull Moon
				FONZ founded, 1958 Good Friday Passover begins at sundown	
13	14	15	16	17	18
African-American Family Celebration at the Zoo				•	
20	21	22	23	24	25
		Earth Day			
27	28	29	30	MARCH S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MAY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
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MAY

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● First Quarter 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	OFull Moon]]	12	13	14	ZooFari for Kids	16
				Г - Т		
Mother's Day				ZooFari—Tigers!		Armed Forces Day
17	18	● Last Quarter 19	20	21	22	23
24/31	New Moon 25	26	27	28	29	30
	Memorial Day (observed)					Photos © Gary Jacob



JUNE

Olunday	Monday	Tuesday	Mednesday	Thursday	Triday	Olaturday	
	1	● First Quarter 2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	O Full Moon		12	13	
	Children's Day				Zoo Night		
14	15	10	① Last Quarter 17	18	19	20	
Flag Day							
21 Father's Day	22	23	• New Moon 24	25	26	27	
Father's Day Summer Solstice— First Day of Summer	Summer Safari begins			Sunset Serenades	Zoo Night		
28	29	30		GEICO Direct Auto Insurance. So economical, you can actually afford the car. One 15-minute call could save you 15% or more. 1-800-947-AUTO	MAY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	JULY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	
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JULY

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5	6	7	8	OFull Moon 9	10	11
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FONZ Summer Camp begins 12	13	14	15	Sunset Serenades O Last Quarter 16	17	18
19	20	21	22	Sunset Serenades New Moon 23		25
				Sunset Serenades		
26	27	28	29	30	● First Quarter 31	GEICO Direct Auto Insurance. Like an airbag for your wallet. One 15- minute call could save you 15% or more. 1-800-947-AUTO.
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AUGUST

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2	3	4	5	6	7	OFull Moon 8
9	10		12	Sunset Serenades	Last Quarter	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	New Moon 22
©First Quarter—30th 23/30	24/31	. 25	26	27	28	29
						Photos Jessie Cohen/NZP



SEPTEMBER

Olunday	Monday	Tuesday	Mednesday	Thursday	Triday	Olaturday
		7 FONZ fall class season begins	2	3	4	5
OFull Moon 6	7	8	9	10]]	12
	Labor Day					
● Last Quarter 13	14	Hispanic Heritage Month begins	16		18	19 FONZ Wildlife Art Festival
New Moon 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
FONZ Wildlife Art Festival Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown			Autumnal Equinox— First Day of Autumn			Fiesta Musical
27	● First Quarter 28	29	30	GEICO Direct Auto Insurance. So economical, you can actually afford the car. One 15-minute call could save you 15% or more. 1-800-947-AUTO	AUGUST S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	OCTOBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
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OCTOBER

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4	OFull Moon 5	6	7	8	9	10
					FONZ Annual Meeting and Zoo-by-night Tour	
11	● Last Quarter 12	13	14	15	16	17
	Columbus Day (observed)					
18	19	New Moon 20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	●First Quarter 28	29	30	31
Daylight Savings Time ends 2 a.m. ("fall back" 1 hour)			ı.		Photos: top,	Halloween Jessie Cohen/NZP; bottom, © Gary Jacob



NOVEMBER

Olunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Triday	Taturday
1	2	3	OFull Moon 4	5	6	7
American Indian Heritage Month begins 8	9	Election Day		12	13	14
15	16	17	Veteran's Day	New Moon 19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	● First Quarter 27	28
29	30			Thanksgiving Day GEICO Direct Auto Insurance. Preferred by 9 out of 10 tightwads. One 15-minute call could save you 15% or more. 1-800-947-AUTO.	OCTOBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	DECEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
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DECEMBER

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GEICO Direct Auto Insurance. So economical, you can actually afford the car. One 15-minute call could save you 15% or more. 1-800-947-AUTO		1	2	OFull Moon 3	4	5
		FONZ winter class season begins				National Zoo's Conservation and Research Center established, 1973
6	7	8	9	■ Last Quarter	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	New Moon 18	19
Hanukkah begins at sundown 20	21	22		24	25	□ First Quarter 26
20					20	
Ramadan begins	Winter Solstice— First Day of Winter				Christmas Day	Kwanza begins
27	28 Congress enacted	29	30		NOVEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
	Congress enacted Endangered Species Act, 1973			New Year's Eve		31 Photos Jessie Cohen/NZP



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